

Walpole Medical Reserve Corp

Spring 2006 Newsletter

A Message from the Health Department

We are so pleased that so many of you volunteered and we are off to a good start.

Many thanks to Maureen Case, Ann Keller, Ellen Newman, John Lennon, Roger Turner, and Kevin Harmon for attending the first steering committee meeting.

Please remember to fill out your CORI Request Form, sign it, show us proof of an id or photocopy your id and return it to the Health Department ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please call this office at 508-660-7321 with any questions or suggestions!



Volunteer Opportunity!

We need Walpole MRC volunteers to help install smoke detectors in some of our senior citizen homes. The Fire Dept received a grant and has 250 smoke detectors to install. We will also be going over fire safety tips with the recipients. This should be a very rewarding experience. We plan on working in teams about 1 Saturday a month starting on May 13, 2006 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Our Fire Department will train you and they are very excited about working with us! The training will be held at Fire Station #2 on Saturday, May 6th for about 1 hour. Even if you can't make the training but would like to volunteer- we need you-please call 508-660-7321 to sign up!



New Website!

<http://th.walpole.ma.us/WMRC/WMRCHome.htm>

Check this out and bookmark this site!

Training

(Course descriptions on back)

Call 508-660-7321 to sign up for each course.



National Weather Service Severe and Unusual Weather Conditions

Thursday, May 4, 2006

7-9:30 P.M. Senior Citizen Center, Town Hall

Scene Safety

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

9 A.M.-12 P.M.

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

Thursday, May 25, 2006

6 P.M.-9 P.M.

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

Update on Pandemic/Avian Flu

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

7-8 P.M.

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

9:30-10:30 A.M.

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

Body Substance Isolation & Blood borne Pathogens

Thursday, June 15, 2006

7-9 P.M.

Senior Citizens Center, Town Hall

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

9-11 P.M.

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

Training Descriptions
All of these training opportunities are
open and appropriate for
Healthcare Providers and Support
Staff.

Town Hall Courses

National Weather Service Severe and Unusual Weather Conditions

Thursday, May 4, 2006 7-9:30 P.M. Senior Citizen Center, Town Hall

This discussion will be led by Roger Turner, Walpole Emergency Director and should be a very lively.

Update on Pandemic/Avian Flu

Tuesdays, June 6, 2006 7-8 P.M. and repeated again June 13, 2006 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Main Meeting Room

This training will be given by Judith Chevalier, Health Educator, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She will discuss avian influenza, pandemic flu, avian influenza in humans, and why we should be concerned.

Scene Safety

Tuesday, May 23, 2006 9 A.M.-12 P.M. and repeated again Thursday, May 25, 2006 6-9 P.M., Main Meeting Room

This training will be giving by Kevin Harmon, EMT, and Regional MRC Coordinator for Region 4a.

One thing common to many emergencies is that they are often unpredictable and present dangers to both relief workers and victims.

This three hour class will assist both Healthcare Providers and Support staff how to avoid becoming a victim themselves.

Some key elements to be discussed are: Sizing up an emergency scene, Personal and Coworker safety, and Patient safety.

Body Substance Isolation & Blood borne Pathogens

Thursday, June 15, 2006, Senior Citizen Center, 7-9 P.M. and repeated again Tuesday, June 20, 2006 Main Meeting Room.

This training will be given by Kevin Harmon, EMT and Regional MRC Coordinator for Region 4a.

This two hour class will also focus on assisting the Healthcare Provider and

Support Staff to avoid becoming a victim by becoming aware of body substance isolation and blood borne pathogens.

Website Trainings

It is important for volunteers to understand the National Incident Command System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) in order to work well on an emergency scene together. Town employees involved in emergency situations have to be trained in them. There are 2 very good introductory courses that can be taken on the web and you can get certificates for successfully completing the courses.

IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>

This course introduces NIMS and takes approximately three hours to complete. It explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The course also contains "Planning Activity" screens giving you an opportunity to complete some planning tasks during this course. The planning activity screens are printable so that you can use them after you complete the course.

IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp>.

This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).